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IRONDEQUOIT BAY OUTLET BRIDGE TO OPEN FOR VEHICLES ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

The Irondequoit Bay Outlet Bridge (IBOB) will be open to vehicular traffic beginning Friday, November 30th. The structure will remain open to traffic for four months and is scheduled to close on April 2, 2002.

The Outlet Bridge is located at the north end of Irondequoit Bay, spanning the outlet between Lake Road in the Town of Webster and Culver Road in the Town of Irondequoit. Opening of the bridge will diminish boat access between Irondequoit Bay and Lake Ontario.

The current seasonal bridge was designed to span the outlet for vehicular traffic during the winter months and, in conformance with permits granted by the United States Coast Guard, is to be removed during the boating season.

IBOB is maintained and operated by the Monroe County Department of Transportation (DOT). County DOT operates the bridge in conformity with permits granted by the United States Coast Guard and, consequently, does not have the authority to leave the bridge in place between April 1st and December 1st each year.

When not in use for vehicular traffic, the bridge offers area residents an overlook access area and other passive recreation opportunities along the outlet of Irondequoit Bay.

The process to put the bridge in place takes approximately three hours. Weather conditions permitting, it is anticipated that the bridge will be in place for vehicle traffic at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2001.

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